
JUDICIAL PROFILE

David K. Udall was appointed to the bench in September 2001 and is assigned to the Family Court Department. Judge Udall has an interesting touch of judicial heritage in his family. His grandfather, Jesse A. Udall, was a judge in Superior Court in Graham County. He later served as a Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, from 1960 to 1972. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge David K. Udall was a prosecutor for 12 years with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. During that time, he prosecuted both adult and juvenile offenses, and was assigned gang-related cases and cases involving defendants charged with driving under the influence. During the three years immediately before becoming a judge, he specialized in prosecuting domestic violence cases in the East Valley. Before becoming a prosecutor, he specialized in civil litigation.

Judge Udall received his bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in political science from Arizona State University in 1985. He received his law degree from the University of Arizona in 1988. He has been involved in a variety of community service endeavors. He served on the Mesa Subcommittee on Gang Prevention, volunteered with the Mesa District Boy Scouts and coached Little League Baseball. He also worked for construction of a swimming pool facility through tax funding. The pool became a reality, benefiting a local junior high school. Judge Udall also served as a member of the Central Arizona Water Conservation District Board.

